

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/664,273 Confirmation No. 3435
Applicant : George D. Hermann
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Examiner : Natalie R. Pous
Title : SURGICAL CLAMP INSERTS WITH HOOKED TRACTION
ELEMENTS
Docket No. : 06-516
Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006 and accompanies a Request for a Four Month Extension of Time extending the period for response to expire on November 6, 2006.

This Office Action entered a restriction requirement between 3 species and 6 sub-species, and indicated that claims 1, 5-7, 19, 23-25 and 42-49 are generic.

Applicant elects species 1, Figs. 1a-1c, and subspecies 1, Figures 4a-4b. This election is made without traverse.

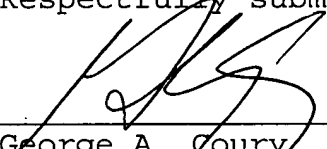
Claims 2, 3, 8-12, 15-18, 20, 21, and 26-41 read on these elected species, along with the claims indicated by the Examiner to be generic.

Applicant preserves the right to file divisional applications to the non-elected species.

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It is believed that no additional fee is due in connection with this paper. If, however, any additional fee or fee deficiency is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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